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THE PHILIPPINES AND THE FUTURE OF THE ROC
TRADE OFFICE IN FIJI

REF: A. BANGKOK 18949
B. SUVA 1012

1. IN SEPTEMBER 9 CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNS, MOFA
DEPARTMENT OF EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR
CHOU TUNG-HUA MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WITH REGARD
TO THE STATE OF PLAY OF UNOFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH
THAILAND, THE PHILIPPINES, AND FIJI:

A. THAILAND: ACCORDING TO CHOU, THE ROC "OFFICE"
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UNDER CAL (CHINA AIR LINES) IN BANGKOK WILL BEGIN
ISSUING TRAVEL DOCUMENTS ON SEPTEMBER 10. (COMMENT: SINCE
THERE IS CLEARLY SOME DISCREPANCY BETWEEN CHOU'S
REMARKS AND THE INFORMATION CONTAINED REF A PERHAPS THE

BEST SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON THE PRESENT STATE OF
PLAY WOULD BE CAL BANGKOK.)

B. PHILIPPINES: ACCORDING TO ROC REP IN MANILA, RIVERA
IS STILL HAVING DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING SATISFACTORY
BUDGET SUPPORT FOR THE PHIL OFFICE IN TAIPEI AND WILL
NOW PROBABLY NOT ARRIVE IN TAIPEI UNTIL EARLY OCTOBER.
CHOU EXPRESSED SOME IMPATIENCE OVER MANILA'S FAILURE
TO MOVE PROMPTLY ON THIS ISSUE.

C. FIJI: ALTHOUGH THE ROC REPS IN FIJI HAVE BEEN INFORMED
BY THE FIJI GOVERNMENT THAT THE ROC TRADE OFFICE
(WITHOUT CONSULAR SERVICES) CAN REMAIN THERE EVEN
AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
THE PRC, CHOU EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT AS TO WHETHER
THE PRC WOULD AGREE TO THIS PROCEDURE. (COMMENT:
WE INTERPRET CHOU'S REMARKS TO MEAN THAT THE QUASI-
OFFICIAL ROC TRADE OFFICE NOW IN FIJI MIGHT HAVE TO
CLOSE AND THEN BE RECONSTITUTED AS A MORE INFORMAL
OFFICE.)

2. ANY ADDITIONAL INFO FROM ACTION ADDRESSEES WOULD BE
APPRECIATED.

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